Welcome to the Health and Kinesiology Summer 2016 newsletter. This past year, the Department of Health and Kinesiology celebrated our 100th Anniversary. While our department name and degree offerings have changed over the years, one thing has not—Our Dedication to Improving Lives in Indiana and Around the World Through the Practice of a Healthy and Active Lifestyle. If the past 100 years are any indication, our next 100 years will entail challenges and adventures well beyond our imagination. But, we will be up for the task implementing ever improving educational opportunities to enhance student learning, conducting innovative research, expanding our knowledge and solving the major challenges we face in society. Our future is bright. In the current newsletter you will: get a closer look at our outstanding students and faculty and see examples of our leading research. All of this is possible through your continued support of Health and Kinesiology. After reading the newsletter, consider sending us a note, whether updates, accomplishments, comments, or anything else you would like to share with us at HK@purdue.edu. And as always, please visit us in the historic Lambert Fieldhouse the next time you are in West Lafayette. To find the latest in what is happening in Health and Kinesiology, visit us on the Internet at www.purdue.edu/hhs/hk.

Taking a walk outdoors is a great way to connect with nature and family/friends while you get your steps and minutes of physical activity.
Eleven Health & Kinesiology student-athletes received Academic All-Big Ten recognition from the conference. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letter winners, in at least their second year at their institution and carry a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Dillon Hinen, Public Health
Matthew McClintock, Movement and Sports Sciences
Rocky Pollock, Health/Physical Education
Reagan Lear, Movement and Sports Sciences

**FOOTBALL**
Jonathan Curry, Movement and Sports Sciences
Jordan Jurasevich, Applied Exercise and Health
Shane Mikesky, Exercise Physiology

**SOCCER**
Delia Repasky, Public Health

**VOLLEYBALL**
Faye Adelaja, Movement and Sports Sciences
Kaisley Fisher, Public Health
Amanda Neill, Movement and Sports Sciences

**AUGUST 2015 GRADUATES**
Joshua Beck, MPH – Public Health
Hannah Boeh, MPH – Public Health
Merissa Hawkins, MPH – Public Health
Kate Mane, MS – History of Sport
Janae Meyers, MPH – Public Health
Samuel Pontecorvo, MS – Biomechanics, Motor Control, Motor Behavior
Zahra Shahin, MPH – Public Health
Jessica Solfest, MS – Exercise Physiology

**DECEMBER 2015 GRADUATES**
Donn Gobbie, PhD – History of Sport
Jennifer Hockemeyer, MS – Exercise Physiology
Lindley McDavid, PhD – Sport & Exercise Psychology
Robert Scott Russell, PhD – History of Sport
Kosuke Tamura, PhD – Health Promotion
Whitney Trujilo, MS – History of Sport
Craig Voll, PhD – Pedagogy
Camden Wentz, MS – History of Sport

**MAY 2016 GRADUATES**
Michel Heijnen, PhD – Biomechanics, Motor Control, Motor Behavior
Alisha Kuhlenhoelter, MS – Exercise Physiology
Brooke McKinnon, MS – Athletic Training
Shane Mikesky, MS – Exercise Physiology
Stephanie Orstad, PhD – Sport & Exercise Psychology
Sookhenlall Padaruth, PhD – Pedagogy
Grant Ream, MS – Athletic Training
Hannah Roberts, MS – Recreation & Sports Management
Austin Schaffer, MS – Recreation & Sports Management
Kelsey Vance, MS – Recreation & Sports Management

**HK STUDENTS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN**
November 1, 2015, Chicago, Big 10 Cross County meet, Purdue senior Matt McClintock finished first individually, crossing the 8K finish line in a time of 23:12.1, breaking the Big Ten Championships record of 23:18. McClintock is the first Boilermaker to earn medalist honors since Eddie Ericsson finished first in the four-mile race in 1943.

As a freshman, McClintock was the 2012 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and improved his time from 23:39 at last year's championships to earn his first Big Ten title and first-team All-Big Ten laurels. Matt was also recognized as the Big 10 Athlete of the Year.

Maddie Pellikan was awarded the Living Memorial Scholarship from the Illinois Athletic Trainers' Association. Maddie calls Illinois home when not at Purdue. Congratulations, Maddie!

Grad Student Triumphs in Singles at Major Regatta

Corlis Gross, a graduate student in health and kinesiology, captured the women’s club single shell Oct. 17 in the annual Head of the Charles Regatta, the world's largest two-day regatta, in the Boston area.

Gross, an NCAA champion twice as an undergraduate at Brown University, was among more than 11,000 athletes competing in 55 events at the regatta, which was established in 1965 and attracts at least 300,000 spectators. Gross covered the twisty 3-mile course in a little under 22 minutes, besting more than 20 competitors. She also is graduate assistant coach for Purdue Crew, coaching novice women.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that the Head of the Charles is one of the biggest and most famous rowing races in the world," says Kurt Butler, coach of varsity women for Purdue Crew. "To have Corlis go to Boston and win is great for her, but it's also a great win for the rowing program here at Purdue."
Carole DeHaven Receives IAHPERD Honor Award!

The Honor Award provides the means through which Indiana AHPERD recognizes an individual who is clearly outstanding in his/her profession with long and distinguished service to health, physical education, recreation, dance (HPERD), and/or allied areas.

HK Professor Larry Leverenz

and the Purdue Neurotrauma Group received the 2016 Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football from the National Football Foundation.

SIA FOUNDATION AWARDS $9,990 to PALS PROGRAM!

Bonnie Blankenship, Professor and Co-Director of PALS is shown with SIA Foundation Board members at SIA’s Training and Reception Center as $62,840.50 in capital grants were awarded by the SIA Foundation.
HK athletic training students attended the Indiana Athletic Trainers' symposium in Muncie, IN, November. The students had several teams that participated in "quiz bowl", competing against other AT programs across IN.

Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship Awarded to PE/Health Major Megan Hubbard!

Since 1995, SHAPE America has awarded scholarships to outstanding undergraduate and graduate student members. The Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship, developed by the past presidents of SHAPE America to honor deserving students, is awarded to three undergraduate students and two graduate students in January of each year. All scholarships are presented at the SHAPE America National Convention & Exposition held in the spring. Undergraduate awards are $1,250 each and graduate awards are $1,750 each. Recipients also receive a complimentary three-year SHAPE America membership.
HK Celebrates 100th Anniversary!

Family Day Fun!

Over 350 alums, students, faculty, and staff celebrated HK's 100th Anniversary Kick Off on Family Day, September 19th on the lawn in front of Lambert Fieldhouse which included a tailgate lunch, refreshments, music, and family-friendly activities.
Advisory Council
Selected for HK Department

In 2015, HK created an Advisory Council to help analyze current and future industry needs and trends, be visionary instead of reactionary, bring focus to our department, and build alumni relationships by advocating and publicizing our department.

Ralph Reiff, Council Chair
Ralph Reiff, a licensed athletic trainer and current executive director of St. Vincent Sports Performance, has been designated by many as a leader in athlete performance management. Since 1981 Ralph has been athlete focused in the delivery of sports medicine and performance development. His efforts have earned him a national reputation as an innovator and leader. As a business leader, Ralph has developed innovative measurements of sports medicine business for hospitals and in 2001 opened the doors on a unique sports performance center in Indianapolis. His leadership is applauded by internal and external audiences for his results and his athlete centered culture.

Pam Aaltonen
Pam Aaltonen, PhD, is the associate head of the School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University. Her focus on public health and public health nursing is evident in her teaching, research, and engagement. Professor Aaltonen is currently studying the implementation of e-government by local public health departments. Her second area of research is the collaboration between Homeland Security and the public health system. She has partnered with Purdue’s Homeland Security.

Pat Flannelly
Patrick Flannelly is the Chief of Police for the Lafayette, Indiana, Police Department. Chief Flannelly is an honor graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and has attended numerous schools and training programs over the course of his career. He is the graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command from the Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety. Chief Flannelly also completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Outside of the police department he is actively engaged in the community as a volunteer and community leader. Patrick has served on numerous public and private boards involving youth sports and other activities. He currently is the President of the City of West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Board.

Jason Hodde
Jason Hodde graduated from Purdue University with undergraduate degrees in Athletic Training and Philosophy. During his graduate school education, he completed a master’s degree in Exercise Physiology. Over the last 23 years, Mr. Hodde has authored over 40 publications specifically related to Biodesign and the SIS technology. He presents regularly at both scientific and clinical meetings around the world about the SIS technology and Cook’s continuing mission to advance minimally-invasive medical solutions for patients worldwide. He is currently the Director of medical Sciences at Cook Biotech.
Jordan Morrow graduated from Purdue University with an undergraduate degree in Health and Fitness. In 2007, he was recognized as the Personal Trainer of the Year by Purdue University and utilized that award as a catalyst to mentor other trainers in the University’s program. Jordan possesses a strong background in functional training, weight loss, and sport specific training. He is currently the Health and Wellness Director at Westminster Village.

Mark Sothmann, PhD, received his PhD from Purdue University in Exercise Science. Dr. Sothmann serves on numerous national academic, science, and health care education advisory boards, and is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine where he has served in leadership roles. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, NASA, Department of Defense, EEOC, Lilly Endowment, and numerous other agencies. Dr. Sothmann is a recipient of the University of Wisconsin Foundation Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Endeavors and the Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., M.D. Experience Excellence Recognition Award for Service to Indiana University. Dr. Sothmann is currently Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at MUSC.

Geilan Ismail, MD is a practicing Cardiologist at Holy Cross Hospital in Taos, NM. She specializes in non-invasive cardiology and echocardiography (ultrasound of the heart). Dr. Ismail graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1986 and has been in practice for 28 years. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Stanford University and a cardiology fellowship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Ismail is a volunteer for University of New Mexico Medical School-offering a rural cardiology rotation for the medical students.

John Seffrin, PhD, has been CEO of the American Cancer Society since 1992. Dr. Seffrin received a PhD in Health Education from Purdue University. Over the years, he has been active in many organizations and currently serves on the White House Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health, as well as the Advisory Committee to the Director of the U.S. CDC. Dr. Seffrin also served at Indiana University as professor of health education and chairman of the Department of Applied Health Science. Dr. Seffrin is a contributing author to more than one dozen books and has written more than 100 articles and other publications.

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Introducing Satyajit (Satya) Ambike.

Dr. Satyajit Ambike joined Purdue HK in the fall of 2015. He is a mechanical engineer by training. He completed his undergraduate education in Pune, India, and his Master’s and PhD degrees at The Ohio State University. His general research interest is in studying movement in biological systems. He currently focuses on human prehensile behavior and on human locomotion. He is also deeply interested in music from all over the world and is a recreational marathoner.

Introducing Steve Amireault.

Before joining Purdue University in the fall of 2015, Steve Amireault did his graduate studies at Laval University (2009-2013; Quebec City, Canada) and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto (2013-2015; Toronto, Canada). His research and teaching focus on self-regulation processes and social relationships in sport, exercise and physical activity, and the roles that they play in motivation, emotion, and well-being. The overall goal of his research is to develop behavior change programs that support the maintenance of physical activity participation. He enjoys playing hockey and is a recreational runner.

and says Good-bye to our Retirees

Thank You Randy Black
For 31 years of commitment to the education of our students!

Thank You Bill Harper
for 37 years of commitment to the education of our students plus the work and dedication to the PALS Program!
Where did you grow up?
I grew up in a small town called Brazil, Indiana. People usually get really excited when I say Brazil but then when I add Indiana their excitement disappears. The next thing they usually comment on is that Indiana has a lot of towns named after countries. Apparently not very many states follow in that trend.

What high school did you attend?
I attended Northview High School. We use to be the smallest 4A school in Indiana and the year after I graduated we became the largest 3A school in the state. I graduated in a class of about 280 students.

Why did you choose Purdue?
I was born with Purdue blood in my system. My dad, grandpa and great grandfather all went here so it was a given that I would probably come to Purdue. I also have two uncles that graduated from here, but I am the first female in family to attend Purdue. I have been attending Purdue basketball games ever since I can remember. I also knew Purdue was very highly recognized for its academic excellence nationwide. I like the Big 10 excitement of Purdue and how much we value our research and science courses. I also admire how diverse Purdue is culturally and the amazing opportunities to study abroad they provide to students. So taking all those reasons into consideration, I knew Purdue was going to be the perfect fit for me and that still stands true today. I don’t want to graduate!

Who do you admire the most/who inspires you?
I have a lot of people that inspire me in different areas of my life. Dr. Larry Leverenz has inspired me to take my career internationally someday and make meaningful international professional connections whenever possible. I admire Dr. Zelaznik for his successful research career and his attention to detail. I admire my chiropractor, Dr. Shaw for his expertise in his professional field and for inspiring me to pursue a career as a chiropractor.

Are you in any extracurricular activities? Which ones?
I work two part-time jobs during the school year so I don’t have very much time for extracurricular activities, but I am involved in a few. One of my part time jobs is at the Lafayette Downtown YMCA as a Wellness Coach and my other part time job is at the Purdue Math Library as a Student Desk worker. Basically, I get paid to study at that one, so that’s pretty cool! Some extracurricular activities I have been involved in include: Purdue University Dance Marathon and PT/OT club. Other than that, you can usually find me working out in the gym.

What are your plans after graduation?
After graduation I plan on attending Logan University in Chesterfield, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, to earn a concurrent Master’s degree in Sports Rehabilitation and a Doctorate degree in Chiropractic. I also hope to do some more international traveling to Europe and Thailand before I get tied down to chiropractic school.

What is your career goal?
My career goal is to work as a chiropractor and eventually open my own private practice potentially with a Physical Therapist so we can provide care to a wide variety of types of injuries and populations. I hope to specialize in sports injuries but want to keep my practice, open to all ages. If the opportunity presents itself, I would love to work with collegiate and professional sports teams. Also, I am considering taking my career internationally for a period of time when I feel the timing is right.

Tell us about your Summer Stay research work.
I am working with Dr. Zelaznik this summer for Summer Stay Scholars. We are expanding our project from this spring. We are further studying the relationship between movement speed and spatial accuracy by examining Fitts’ Law and Schmidt’s Law. We will be testing subjects with Matlab and Motion capture equipment by recording their movement patterns in two independent tasks. One task, the Fitts’ task the subject’s goal is to move as fast as possible while still accurately hitting the target and other task, the Schmidt task, the subject’s goal is to move on time to a metronome beat and maintain that beat once the metronome stops playing 10 seconds into the 25 second trial.


**HK Publications**

**HK Grants**

**Bruno Roseguini:** American Heart Association, Scientist Development Grant, $308,000 “Thermotherapy for intermittent claudication”

**Yumary Ruiz:** Spencer Foundation, $50,000 “An examination of Educational outcomes in children of Latino Migrant farmworker families in rural Indiana”

**Yumary Ruiz:** AgSeed, $25,000 “Children of Rural Indiana migrant farmworker families: An examination of educational aspirations and health”
At the end of each semester, students in the HK 496 class; Individual Inquiry in Movement and Sports Science, host Research Presentation Night. At this event, students present results from research they conducted with faculty and graduate students throughout the semester. The HK 496 course is designed to provide a “hands-on” learning experience for the students in the Movement and Sports Science major and fosters an appreciation for and knowledge of research common to the field of Kinesiology. These students frequently continue on to PT/OT school, medical school, or graduate school. Following are pictures from this past semester’s event.

**Deficits in Reaching Behavior Associated with Parkinson’s Disease**

*Ethan Claretto & Hannah Stefanik*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jeff Haddad*

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**Effect of Aerobic Exercise on Skeletal Muscle Capillarization**

*Alanna Fennimore*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tim Gavin*

*Graduate Student Mentors: Dr. Yaohui Nie & Yoriko Sato*

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**Adaptive Locomotion: The Role of Obstacle Memory in Obstacle Crossing Failures**

*Kailey DeVaan, Melanie Johnson, Rebecca Upchurch, & Rachel Wichlinski*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shirley Rietdyk*

*Graduate Student Mentor: Michel Heijnen*
Is there a Relationship between Fitts’ Law and the Linear Speed Accuracy Trade Off?
Jordan Clevenger, Cailey Daluga, Harlow Ladd, Allie Lesh, Jon McKeeman, Rachel Mentzel, CJ Parsons, Jan Petric, Ally Shafer, Morgan Sprecher, Rachel Tetzloff, & Taylor Zike
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Howard Zelaznik

Associations among Negative Influences, Peer Acceptance, Alcohol Consumption, and Physical Activity among Youth within a Positive Youth Development Program
Justice Montgomery
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Meghan McDonough
Graduate Student Mentors: Lindley McDavid & Shaina Riciputi

The Effects of Local Application of Heat Therapy on Angiogenesis in Human Skeletal Muscle
Nick D’Amico & A.J. Gaeta
Faculty Mentors: Dr. Bruno Roseguini & Dr. Tim Gavin
Graduate Student Mentors: Raymond Kim, Dustin Neff, & Alisha Kuhlenhoelter

Differences in Social Support, Depression, Satisfaction with Participation in Social and Community Activities, and Quality of Life Between Older Adults and Adults with Parkinson’s Disease
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Dr. Alice Wilcoxon ATC, PT Honored with Outstanding Educator Award

The Great Lakes Athletic Trainers’ Association (GLATA) honored Purdue University Clinical Associate Professor and Athletic Trainer Dr. Alice Wilcoxon with the 2016 GLATA Outstanding Educator Award. The GLATA Outstanding Educator Award is given to recognize those members who have significantly contributed to the education of GLATA members through academic presentations, published manuscripts or editorials, educational program development, or other educational activities.

2016 Charles Cowell Lecture STEVEN N. BLAIR, P.E.D.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, HK welcomed Steven N. Blair, PED, as our Cowell Lecture Speaker. Dr. Blair spoke on “Physical Activity: The Biggest Public Health Problem of the 21st Century” and discussed that sedentary habits have become highly prevalent in most countries of the world. To address the major public health problem of physical inactivity we need to consider and evaluate societal, environmental, and individual approaches to making physical activity more common for more people more of the time. Dr. Blair is Professor in the Departments of Exercise Science and Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina. Dr. Blair is a Fellow in the American College of Epidemiology, Society for Behavioral Medicine, American College of Sports Medicine, American Heart Association, and American Kinesiology Academy; and was elected to membership in the American Epidemiological Society.
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Gala Dinner

& ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM
Distinctive Service Award Recipients

2016 marked the 100th anniversary of the Department of Health & Kinesiology. As part of the celebration, we initiated the Distinctive Service Awards. These awards honor Purdue faculty, staff, and alumni for their influential contributions in fields represented by Health & Kinesiology.

David H. Craig is an alumnus of Purdue University’s groundbreaking Athletic Training program. He worked as an athletic trainer with the Indiana Pacers for 38 years — 35 of those years as the head athletic trainer. Mr. Craig is a member of the Indiana and National Athletic Trainer’s Hall of Fame. He is an expert in sacroiliac joint assessments and as a clinician prescribes exercises as indicated for various abnormalities such as foot, knee, hip, low back and neck pain. He developed the “Stretching With A Purpose (SWAP)” program to address the needs of his patients. He has consulted with many college athletic training programs across the country. Using a patient-focused approach, Mr. Craig challenges colleagues and students to think creatively in pursuit of the best treatment options.

Robert D. Otten received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in health education with distinction from Purdue University. He currently serves as Vice President of Health Policy at the American Medication Association (AMA). Since joining the AMA, Mr. Otten has been instrumental in the development of AMA policies on several key socioeconomic issues that impact physician practice: Medicare and Medicaid reform; containment of health care costs; economic research and analysis of high-priority AMA advocacy campaigns; and revision of current procedural terminology (CPT) codes among other health policy issues. Mr. Otten has written extensively on health care financing, delivery and review issues in leading health policy journals.
Rebecca Spencer, PhD, graduated from Purdue University in the interdisciplinary program in Neuroscience concentrating on neural control of movement under Dr. Howard Zelaznik. Her post-doctoral work on neural control of motor sequence learning was funded by a National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award and was subsequently awarded an NIH Pathways to Independence Award for studies on the age-related changed in sleep dependent consolidation of motor learning. Dr. Spencer is now a tenured associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences. Her current work is broadly focused on the functions of sleep. To date, she has received over $4 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Muhammad R. Torabi, PhD, received his PhD from Purdue University in 1982 and is currently Chancellor’s Professor and Dean of the IU School of Public Health. He also serves as Co-Director of the rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention. Dr. Torabi’s research focus is public and school health behavior specifically in the area of tobacco as a gateway drug. Dr. Torabi has served on numerous boards throughout his career and currently is the Health Education commissioner for the International Council for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He has received many service awards and was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus of Purdue’s College of Liberal Arts. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Health Behavior, American School Health Association, AAHPERD Research Consortium, American Association of Health Education and the North American Society of HPER.
How long have you been at Purdue? I joined the Purdue faculty and athletic training staff in July 1991.

Where are you from and what was your path that lead you here? I grew up on a farm near Fithian, IL. My father was a General Contractor in Danville, IL and my mother was a nurse. I received a B.S. in physical education and biology from Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, a M.S. in physical education from Western Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Iowa. After graduating from college in 1970, I entered the Air Force and served as Asst. Athletic Trainer at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. After completing my Air Force duty, I attended Western Illinois University for my masters and began my career as the biology teacher and athletic trainer for Macomb (IL) Senior High School. After 5 years there, I was hired at WIU as Asst. Professor and Asst. Athletic Trainer and directed their AT program. In 1986, I moved to the University of Iowa as Associate Director of Athletic Training where I completed my PhD., then, in 1991, moved to Purdue. Here, I serve as Director of Athletic Training Education and until a few years ago, had a 25% appointment with Intercollegiate Athletics where I served as athletic trainer for Men’s Basketball for 13 years. I now have a 100% role as Clinical Professor in H&K.

What is your area of expertise? Athletic Training and Sports Medicine are my areas of expertise and focus. I’m also part of the Purdue Neurotrauma Group where we study and identify the mechanisms that lead to traumatic brain injury (TBI) in athletes, military personnel, and other victims of blunt force impacts. We are attempting to develop early detection methods, protective systems, and directed therapies to provide the fastest recovery possible. I’m also a licensed pilot and amateur winemaker.

Why Purdue? Purdue gave me the opportunity to do the two things I just couldn’t pass up. One, I had the opportunity to direct one of the most respected athletic training education programs in the country. The legacy of William E. “Pinky” Newell and the leadership of Denny Miller in the AT profession put Purdue athletic training in high regard nationally. It has been an honor to help carry on that tradition. Second, I had the opportunity to work with a nationally recognized basketball program under Head Coach Gene Keady and one year with Coach Matt Painter. It was both challenging and fun to work with them and the many athletes through those years, some of whom went on to the NBA and others who I’ve kept in contact with over time. Purdue gave me opportunities professionally that I value greatly.
During Maymester Larry Leverenz took 10 students to China for a 3 week Study Abroad trip. The students studied traditional Chinese medicine and Chinese exercise as they are used in the treatment and rehabilitation of injuries to their athletes. The students also took classes in Chinese culture and language and visited the historic and cultural sights of Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai.

This trip marked the 10th anniversary of the partnership between Purdue and Beijing Sport University. BSU hosted a banquet and celebration ceremony attended by the BSU president and many of their administrators and faculty. Representing Purdue were Mike Brzezinski, Dean of International Programs, Tim Gavin, H&K Department Head and Darlene Sedlock, Assoc. Professor in H & K, who alternates years taking students to China with Dr. Leverenz.